

and figures to prove the urgent necessity for the protection of the industry and submitted a note setting forth the arguments for protection. In the course of the discussion the Honourable Members asked for some additional data which were not available at the time. Dr. Kunjan Pillai, after his return from Simla, had these data collected and prepared another note which is being transmitttd to the Government of India. From what is stated above, it will be seen that the question of giving adequate protection to the cocoanut industry is under the consideration of the Government of India.

Complaint against certain members of the Reserve Police.

114. *Mr. N. V. Chacko: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to an article published on page 8 of the morning edition of the "Malayala Manorama" dated 1st January 1938, in which reference is made to a petition to the Commissioner of Police signed by 15 persons in the Muvattupuzha taluk complaining that they were outrageously and atrociously treated by some members of the Travancore reserve police ;

(b) whether they have made an enquiry into the matter ;

(c) whether any action has been taken against the members of the reserve police against whom complaints of such inhuman and brutal conduct have been made ;

(d) the names of the members of the reserve police against whom the complaints referred to above have been made :

(e) the name of the officer of the reserve police, under whom these members of the reserve police against whom the complaints are made, are placed ;

(f) whether acts equally heinous and wicked have not been committed by members of the reserve police against innocent people of the northern frontier taluks on many a previous occasion ;

(g) what action they have taken to punish such offences and prevent the repetition of their offences and crimes ; and

(h) whether any of the Excise C. I. D. people or informers are involved in the committing of the offences referred to in (a) and (i) above ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes ; the enquiry disclosed that the allegations were mischievous and false.

(c) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (b)

(d) Chellappan Pillai,

Kolappan Pillai,

Nilakanta Pillai and Bhaskara Pillai.

[Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao.]

(e) Mr. Syed Usman.

(f) No.

(g) and (h) These do not arise in view of the answer to parts (u), (b) and (t)

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know how long it took for the Department to finish the enquiry?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : A month and a half.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know who conducted the enquiry?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : The District Superintendent of Police.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether the people of the locality were examined?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : I claim notice.

Road connection between Alleppey and Changanacherry.

115. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to connect Alleppey with Changanachery by road ; and

(b) what action have they taken in the matter ?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao : (a) Yes.

(b) It is being investigated.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : May I know whether the line for the road has been fixed ?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao : Yes, Sir,

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : May I know whether the Chief Engineer has made a personal inspection of the place ?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao : I claim notice.

Expiry of the lease to the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Company.

116. ***Mr. K. M. Korah :** Will the Government be pleased to state when the term of the lease to the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Company will expire ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : According to the deed of ratification and the agreement, dated 2-8-1886, between the company and the Government, the lands granted to the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Company within the concession area are to be held in perpetuity as heritable or transferable property.